



The University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Graduate Health Sciences College Policies

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Purpose

This policy defines the requirement for the research and dissertation requirement for the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Policy Details

Research accomplishment is a principal requirement for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and the dissertation must show substantial evidence of independently achieved and original results. This research and preparation of the dissertation must in each case be conducted in accordance with general College policies and under the immediate direction of the student's Research Advisor and Faculty Committee.

The subject of the research shall be determined by the student in consultation with Research Advisor and Faculty Committee.

NOTE: Graduate students may not participate in research which requires either an industrial or federal security classification that a priori restricts the thesis or dissertation publication rights of the student and/or the university. However, in a rare instance, student research findings may become classified after the graduate research is completed, and the post-classified status is beyond the control of the student or mentor. Students involved with research that receives a post- federal security classification will receive special consideration to accommodate their graduation requirements.

The dissertation is written after completion of experiments or other graduate studies designed to answer the questions posed by the statement of the problem. The scientific content and style of the dissertation are the responsibility of the student and student's Faculty Committee. The dissertation must be formatted and delivered according to the electronic thesis and dissertation policies-



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Policy Scope

Applies to all Doctor of Philosophy degree-seeking students

Related Policies

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Definitions

Faculty Committee. The committee approved to help direct the student's research.

Program Chair. The listed chair of the student's academic program.

Document History

Approved by Graduate Studies Council November 8, 2004.

Revised by Graduate Studies Council April 28, 2009, to include electronic theses.

Revised by Graduate Studies Council October 27, 2009, to forbid classified research that restricts the publication of a dissertation.

Revised by Graduate Studies Council November 24, 2015, to eliminate the Program Chair from consultation on the subject of the research.